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RATHBURNE & BURGES' PATENT.

JAMES, by the grace of God Kinge of Englande, Scotland, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defendor of the Faith, &c., to all justices of peace, mayors, sherriffe, bailiffes, constables, and all officers, ministers, and subiectes of vs, our heires and successors, to whome it shall or maie appertaine, and to everie of them, greetinge.

WHEREAS wee are informed that amongste forraine nations there are faire, curious, and artificiall descripc̃ons, plottꝭ, and mappes made and sett forth of their principall citties and townes of greatest noat, which beinge exactlie drawne out in mettall and printed of, are dispersed and sent abroad into all partes, to the greate honor and renowne of those princes in whose domynions they are, and that of our cittie of London, being the chiefe and principall in this our kingdome of England, there hath never been made or taken any true or pfecte descripc̃on, but false and meane draughtꝭ cutt out in wood, and soe dispersed abroade, to the greate disparagement and disgrace of soe famous and worthie a state: And whereas our lovinge subiecte, Aron Rathborne, Gentleman, practic̃oner in the mathematiques, hath a greate desire to take a pfecte survaie as well of the said cittie of London as of divers others places within this our kingdome of England hereafter menc̃oned, and to make suche exacte plottꝭ, mappes, and descripc̃ons thereof as hath not been hitherto pformed by anie, and hath humblie besought vs that wee woulde bee graciouslie pleased to graunte vnto him our Royall lycence and priviledge, (the wante whereof, as

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wee are informed, hath been the cause that hitherto soe curious and lawdable a worke hath been neglected), as well for the sole makinge and settinge forth of such mappes and plottꝭ as of suche descripc̃ons and bookꝭ as hee shall devise or sett forth in waie of relac̃on, of anie the places hereafter menc̃oned within this our realme and other our domynions, for some reasonable tyme, to the end hee maie reape the fruites of his travell, charges, and expences, to bee susteyned in and about the p̃misses.

KNOW YEE, that we, graciously affectinge and approvinge the coñiendable indeavors of the said Aron, and for his better incouragement therein, that hee maie receive in recompence thereof the profitt of his labors, as reason requireth, of our especiall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere moc̃on, and at the humble requeste of the said Aron Rathburne, haue given and graunted, and by theis p̃sentes, for vs, our heires and successors, doe giue and graunte vnto the saide Aron Rathburne and vnto our welbeloved subiect Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, and assignes, and theire or anie of theire deputies or assignes havinge authoritie from them in that behalfe, that they onelie, and none others, shall and may, from tyme to tyme and at all tymes for and duringe the terme of twenty and one yeares nexte ensuinge the date hereof, within this our realme of Englande, or anie other our domynions, and everie or anie of them, at theire or anie of theire will and pleasure, make, describe, carve, and grave, or cause to bee made, described, carved, and graven, in copper, brasse, or other mettall, all suche and soe manie mappes, plottꝭ, or descripc̃ons of the foresaid cittie of London, and of the citty of Westminster, and the suburbs and adiacent partꝭ of them or either of them, and of our citties of Yorke, Bristoll, Norwich, Canterburie, Bathe, the twoe vniversities, Oxford and Cambridge, and the towne and castle of Windsore, together with the suburbs and adioyninge places to them, or anie of them, as they or anie of them shall think most meete and coveniente, and the same soe made, described, carved, and graven as aforesaide, to imprinte and sett forth in paper, parchmente, cloth, or other materialls, and likewise to imprinte or cause to bee imprinted and sett forth all and all manner of descripc̃ons and bookes which they or anie of them shall devise, make, or sett forth, for the better manifestinge of or describinge the saide citties and townes, or anie of them, or for better vnderstanding of the said mappes, plottꝭ, or descripc̃ons; and likewise to erecte and sett vpp, in anie place or places within our said realmes or domynions, any engines or devises, and to vse any tooles or instrumentꝭ necessarie for the makinge, gravinge, carvinge, imprintinge, or settinge forth of the saide mappes, plottꝭ, descripc̃ons, and bookes, or anie of them, and the same soe made and pfected, as well to

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vtter and putt to sale within theis our domynions as to transporte out of this our realme or anie other our domynions into anie the partꝭ beyond the seas, or otherwise to dispose of the same at theire or anie of theire free will and pleasure, and to theire most benefitt and profitt duringe the said terme of twenty and one yeares, without the lett, hinderance, or interrupc̃on of vs, our heires or successors, or anie the officers or ministers of vs, our heires or successors, or anie other pson or psons whatsoever. Wherefore our will and pleasure is, and wee doe by theis p̃sentes, for vs, our heires and successors, straightlie charge, p̃hibite, and forbidd all and singuler bodies politique and corporate, and all and everie pson and psons, as well our naturall borne subiectes as aliens, denizens, and straungers whatsoever, other then the said Aron Rathborne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, and assignes, and suche as shall by them, or some of them, bee sett on worke, lycenced, or authorized, that they, or anie of them, doe not p̃sume, attempte, or take in hande, duringe the said terme of twentie and one yeares, to make, grave, carve, describe, imprinte, sett forthe, or counterfeit or sell, utter or dispose of, within this our realme, or anie other of our domynions, or exporte out of the same the saide mappes, plottꝭ, descripc̃ons, or bookes, or anie of them, whereof the sole priviledge is hereby graunted to the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, and assignes, nor shall importe or bringe, or cause to bee imported or broughte into this our realme of England, or anie other of our domynions, or anie parte of anie of them, anie other the like mappes, plottes, descripc̃ons, or bookes, or anie of them, duringe the said terme of twenty and one yeares, other then suche as shal bee made, graven, printed, p̃fected, and sett forth by the saide Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, or assignes, or some of them; nor shall make, erecte, sett vpp, or frame anie engines or devises, or counterfeicte or vse anie tooles or instrumentꝭ for the makinge, gravinge, carvinge, or imprintinge thereof, vpon paine of forfeicture of all suche mappes, plottꝭ, descripc̃ons, and bookes soe to bee counterfeicted, made, graven, carved, imprinted, soulde, vttered, imported, or exported contrarie to the true meaninge of theis p̃sentes, and vpon paine of forfeicture of all such engines, instrumentꝭ, tooles, and devises to bee framed, sett vpp, vsed, or exercised, contrarie to our meaninge herein expressed; and further vpon paine of our heavy indignac̃on and displeasure, and of suche paines, penalties, and imprisonmentꝭ, as by the lawes or statutes of this realme can or maie bee inflicted vpon the offendors for their contempt or disobedience in breakinge and contemninge our comaundement and prerogative royall; and for the better execuc̃on

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of this our graunte, priviledge, and lycence, wee doe by theis p̄sentꝭ, for vs, our heirs and successors, give and graunt full and free lycence, power, and authoritie vnto the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, and assignes, that they, the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, and assignes, by themselues, or anie of them, or theire or anie of theire deputies, factors, servantꝭ, or assignes, shall and maie at all tymes, and from tyme to tyme duringe the said terme, with the assistance of a constable or other officer, at conveniente tymes and in convenient and lawfull manner, goe on boarde anie shippe or other vessell, or enter into anie place or places where they or anie of them shall thinke good, within this our realme or anie other of our domynions, as well within liberties as without, and there by all lawfull waies and meanes to enquire and searche for all suche plottꝭ, mappes, descripc̄ons, and bookes, and for suche frames, engines, devises, tooles, and instrumentꝭ, as by anie body or bodies pollitique or corporate, or anie other p̄son or p̄sons other then the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, factors, servantꝭ, or assignes, shall, within the said terme of twentie and one yeares by theis p̄sentes graunted, bee made, graven, carved, imprinted, described, sett forth, vttered, sould, imported, exported, framed, erected, sett vpp or vsed contrarie to the tenor and true meaninge of theis our Lr̄es Patentꝭ; and also in due manner to seize, take, and carrie awaie all and everie suche mappes, plottꝭ, descripc̄ons, bookes, engines, tooles, and instrumentꝭ, which they or anie of them shall finde to bee made, carved, graven, imprinted, described, sett forth, vttered, sould, imported, exported, framed, erected, sett vpp, made, counterfeited, or vsed contrarie to the true meaninge hereof, the one moity thereof to bee to the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, and assignes, and the other moitye to be reserved to vs, our heires and successors, to haue and to hould the said lycences, powers, priuiledges, and authorities aforesaid, vnto the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, and assignes, for and duringe the terme of twentie and one yeares from the daie of the date hereof nexte and imediatlie followinge, and fullie to bee compleate and ended; provided alwaies, and our will and pleasure is, that theis p̄sentꝭ, or anie thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to the p̄iudice of anie p̄son or p̄sons, bodies pollitique or corporate, for or conc̄ninge anie matter or thinge which they or anie of them, by force of any other Lr̄es Patentꝭ, graunte or grauntes, by vs or anie of our noble progenitors or predecessors, kinges or queenes of this realme, graunted, or by anie iuste or lawfull righte ought to haue or enioy. And lastlie, wee doe hereby for vs, our heires and successors, will and

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coñaunde all justices of peace, maiors, sherriffes, bailiffes, constables, and all other the officers, ministers, and subiects of vs, our heires and successors, to whome it shall or maie appertaine that they and everie of them bee from tyme to tyme aidinge, helpinge, and assistinge to the saide Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, assignes, deputies, and servantℓ, in the execuc̃on of theis our Lr̃es Patentℓ, accordinge to the purporte, tenor, and true meaning of the same, as they tender our indignac̃on and displeasure, and will avoid the same at theire vttermoste perills, although expresse menc̃on, &c.

In witnes whereof, &c. Witnes ourselfe at Westm̃, the Eleaventh daie of March.

P br̃e de priuato sigillo, &c.

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